Casco is not ready or likely to be for some weeks, when their money is finished and when they dare .not go to an hotel, Ori (or Rui) offers all that he has. " Lotus dropped his head into his hands and wept." For a couple of months they stayed while Louis collected songs and legends, and when they left the parting was sad indeed.

Ori himself wrote of that parting :

" We passed that night in the impatience of grief. . . . It is my dear Teriitera makes the only riches I desire in this world. It is your eyes that I desire to see again. It must be that your body and my body shall eat together at our table : that is what would make my heart content. But now we are separated. May God be with you all. May His word and His mercy go with you, so that you may be well and we also, according to the words of Paul. ORI A ORI ; that is to say Rui."

Mrs. Stevenson adds : •" After reading this to me Louis has left in tears saying that he is not

worthy that such a letter should be written to him." The "brothers" did not meet again.

I have met but one native in Tahiti who remembered Stevenson. He is a very old man who held